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Today and tomorrow banks closed

Mysuru, Jan. 31 (MTY&BCT)- Banking services were affected in city and across the country as over 10 lakh employees of public sector banks have begun their two-day strike from today. Services will be affected tomorrow also.

The strike, called by United Forum of Bank Unions (UFBU) that represents nine trade unions, over salary issues, comes on a day when the Budget Session of Parliament begins. Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman will present her second Union Budget on Saturday, Feb. 1 (tomorrow).

With the strike, banks would be closed for three days including Sunday, and will reopen only on Monday, Feb. 3. Services at several bank branches and ATMs are likely to be down. Several ATMs could remain shut for three days as the bank strike comes before Sunday.

Private Banks such as ICICI Bank and HDFC Bank, however, will remain operational. Many banks including State Bank of India have informed customers that operations may be impacted to some extent due to the strike.

(See BANK STRIKE on page 8)

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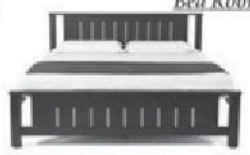
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Act awaiting *action*

The Nation's Constitution, the text of which is often glorified in many ways, including its dubious feature as the world's most voluminous by public speakers of all hues from various platforms on well-marked occasions, has mothered not only 120 or so amendments but also a large number of *Acts* and still counting. Their virtual tail in the form of *Rules and Regulations* may very well fall out of the shelves of even the most sought-after lawyers, not to speak of the stock of the implementing functionaries in various Departments of the Government. The street-smart sections in the land's population are entitled to their scant regard to this virtual cornucopia saying "Show me the person I'll show you the rules." The number of Court cases in the temples of justice across the country yet to be heard by the Judges is said to have exceeded three crore. The number of rules and regulations, being issued as appendage to the Acts, both complied with and violated in the land is keeping august company with the undecided litigations. It is unfair to make any sweeping remark on the manner and extent of people benefiting from the Acts. One such Act, Model Contract Farming Act, ostensibly to make farming a calling that brings smile on the face of farming fraternity raises hopes of keeping the country's food basket to be brimful.

The rustics are known to be pursuing agriculture for centuries without fuss and ado, while it is only now that they are mentioned in despatches as the country's backbone. Thanks to the yawning urban-rural divide on many counts, the disenchanted rustic is heading to cities in search of assured livelihood without toiling. The Contract Farming Act, if implemented effectively, may benefit both sections, food for urbanites and livelihood with well-deserved income to rustics.

The contract farming system under the Agricultural Produce and Livestock Contract Farming and Services (Promotion and Facilitation) Act 2018, released by the Centre in May 2018 aims to link farmers with known buyers such as agri-business firms through a forward contract in which the farmer promises to supply certain quantity of his produce to the buyer in a pre-agreed time-frame, subject to *mutually* agreed conditions. The buying party is expected to bail out the farmer on occasions of crop failure, uncertainties of market, shortfall of inputs, soaring transportation costs etc. If all goes well on fields and the contract does not suffer any glitches, the system aids the growth of food processing industry, which can provide employment to people, both skilled and unskilled in numbers larger than any other industry.

Tamil Nadu Government has reportedly introduced the law governing contract farming practice and Karnataka Government is learnt to be in the process of following suit. Third President of the United States, Thomas Jefferson (1743-1826), renowned Statesman, has opined that cultivators of the earth are the most valuable citizens. The country's law-makers who deserve credit for framing farmer-friendly Acts need to walk-the-talk as it were by implementing the related rules and regulations in word and spirit, for the well-being of the country's *annadaatas*.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

While India Inc routinely emphasises the need for austerity, the extravagance and pomp on display during industry events present a stark contrast. At a recent exhibition and conference organised by an infrastructure firm in Noida, there was a special programme even before the formal launch event. There was a digital launch when tablets were handed out to Ministers. A special mobile app replaced the ribbon cutting ceremony. Gigantic screens across the hall were lit up, displaying what many thought were "needless graphics" accompanied by dancers wearing body-lights. The drama lasted for a full 10 minutes, during which the crowd wondered if there was indeed a slowdown. Not to mention, all this razzmatazz caused delays and chaos for visitors.— *In Business Standard*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Woman forced for pregnancy test prior to boarding flight

Hong Kong: A Hong-Kong-based airline was forced to apologise for making a 25-year-old Japanese woman take a pregnancy test in order to board a flight to Saipan, a commonwealth of the United States.

The incident took place in November, 2019. Midori Nishida was checking with low-cost carrier Hong Kong Express, to fly to Saipan to visit her parents. The Japanese national was not pregnant and said so on a check-in questionnaire, but her body shape apparently made airline staff question her honesty. The 25-year-old woman was asked to give permission to an authorised medical provider to conduct a "fit-to-fly" assessment, which in this case meant a pregnancy test.

After she tested negative, she was allowed to board the airplane with the other passengers, but the airline has since issued an unreserved apology, claiming that it was only acting in response to "concerns raised by authorities in Saipan," where so-called birth tourism.

French city installs solar panels to save energy, forgets to connect them

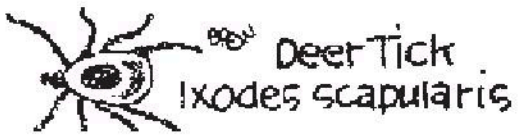
Roubaix: Authorities of the French city of Roubaix recently revealed that the 187 solar panels that were supposed to generate green electricity for the local library had been installed six months ago, but not connected to the building's electrical grid.

In June of 2019, the city of Roubaix announced that it had acquired 187 solar panels meant to generate part of the electricity required by the local library. The panels were installed by local company at a cost of $113,000, but forgot to connect them to the electrical grid. For six months the panels didn't produce any electricity consumed by the Roubaix library.

The solar panels were to produce about a quarter of the energy required by the city library, until everyone realized the panels were not producing any electricity at all as they were not connected.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

Is there anything natural that I can take for my lyme disease?



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'Swami Vivekananda Sadbhavana' awardee

Mysuru, Jan.31- Dr. Cauvery Prakash, Principal of Government First Grade College at Napoklu in Kodagu District, will be conferred the State-level 'Swami Vivekananda Sadbhavana' award at a programme to be held at VBC Grounds at Muddebihal town in Vijayapura District at 5 pm tomorrow, marking Swami Vivekananda Jayanti celebrations. She has been selected for the award for her studies concerning Kodava practices, culture, folklore and traditions.

The award is jointly instituted by Karnataka State Yuva Sanghagala Okkoota, Bengaluru and Muddebihal Taluk Youth Associations' Federation.

108 Suryanamaskaras to mark Ratha Sapthami tomorrow

Mysuru, Jan. 31- Mysore style of Ashtanga Yoga Vinyas created by Yogacharya K. Pattabhi Jois has made Mysuru as one of the top five yoga centres of the world.

On Ratha Sapthami Day (Feb.1), Yoga Okkuta of Mysuru has organised Yogasanas' display (Surya Yagna and 108 Suryanamaskaras) in front of Anjaneyaswamy temple at the North Gate of Mysore Palace between 5.30 am and 7.30 am. All Yoga enthusiasts may participate. For details contact Mob: 9945623146 or 9449886387 or Mob: 7259376018.

Really...?

- ***Diamonds are made from the same chemical as the lead in pencils, but the atoms are arranged differently.***
- ***The technology for synthetic diamonds was researched in the 1940s and the first synthetically created diamond was produced in the 1950s.***
- ***There are a number of techniques for producing synthetic diamonds, these include high-pressure high-temperature synthesis, chemical vapour deposition and detonation synthesis (literally blowing up carbon with explosives to create extremely small diamond grains).***

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VOICE OF THE READER

Noise pollution in Bannimantap Park

Sir,

I wish to bring to the notice of the authorities concerned about the disturbance being caused to the people in our area by the loud noise created by some boys who frequent the Bannimantap Park. The young lads play music and songs very loudly after 7 pm daily till late night.

There are many senior citizens in our Colony, some of them who have health problems as well. These citizens also go to bed early. The loud music prevents them from a good sleep. Young children are also not able to focus on their studies. Hope someone will look into this problem and find a solution.

—Shadman

Bannimantap 24.1.2020

Milk, curd dearer by Rs. 2 from tomorrow

Mysuru, Jan. 31- Come tomorrow, common man will feel a pinch in his pocket, with KMF (Karntaka Milk Federation) increasing the price of both milk and curd by Rs. 2 each, per litre.

According to revised prices, a litre of blue toned milk packet will now cost Rs. 37 against Rs. 35; green packet (homogenised cow milk) - Rs. 41 and orange (Shubham) - Rs. 43 a litre.

A litre of curd which is presently priced at Rs. 41 will now be charged to Rs. 43.

Seeking a revision of prices, KMF had submitted a proposal to State Government last week. With the surge in prices, the farmers will get a major share as their accounts will now be credited with Re. 1. Another 40 paise will be given to farmers towards insurance for their livestock, 40 paise will go to milk salesmen and remaining 20 paise will be distributed among the workforce at the Milk Co-operative Unions as an additional incentive.

"The Government, in order to provide better wages to farmers breeding livestock, approved the revised prices. Compared to other States, the prices of dairy products in our State is very cheap," said Balachandra Jarkiholi, Chairman, KMF, justifying the price hike.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Prof. Bhyravamurthy's limericks to be released

Noted writer Prof. K. Bhyravamurthy's collection of Limericks titled 'Prof. K. Bhyravamurthy Chutukugalu', will be released by veteran Litterateur Dr. C.P. Krishnakumar at a programme jointly organised by Vaidyavaartha Prakashana and Mysuru Zilla Chutuku Sahitya Parishat at the Institution of Engineers on JLB Road at 10 am on Feb.2. The work is edited by former District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Maddikere Gopal. For details, call Mob: 94484-02092.

Story-telling

Kalasuruchi has organised story-telling for kids by H.K. Sanjay Kumar, Kannada Teacher, Govt. High School, Mysuru, tomorrow from 4.30 pm to 5.30 pm at Suruchi Rangamane, # 476, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar. For details, call Ph: 0821-2541795 or Mob: 92435-81097.

Applications invited

The Karnataka Lalithakala Academy has invited applications from interested for availing student scholarship to conduct research studies in the field of drawing and painting. There are five scholarships of Rs.1 lakh each and the period of scholarship is one year. The prescribed application forms can be obtained either in person or by post from the Academy. For details, call Ph: 080-22480297.

Pratibha Puraskar

Marking its first anniversary, Bengaluru based J.P. Narayanaswamy Foundation will be organising a Pratibha Puraskar programme for meritorious Ediga community students at Arya Ediga Mahasamsthana, Solur, Magadi taluk, Ramanagara at 10.30 am on Feb.2. Former Union Minister R.L. Jalappa will be conferred 'J.P. Narayanaswamy award' on the occasion. The event will also feature a blood donation camp, marking the 68th birth anniversary of J.P. Narayanaswamy. For details, call K.S. Krishnamurthy: 94484-02262 or B.S. Murali: 94498-55958.

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	116.62 ft
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Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,278.04 ft
Inflow	327 cusecs
Outflow	00 cusecs

One man, 25 cases, finally jailed for seven years

Mysuru, Jan. 31 (RK&KS)- He has 25 cases on his head and was continuing his crime-spree till now. The long arms of law has finally caught up with him and he has now been handed a jail term of seven years.

Nagendra is just 34 and the cases booked against his name include theft, murder and attempt to murder.

The case in which he was nailed by law is robbery where he robbed a woman of her gold jewellery on the pretext of arranging a suitable marriage alliance for her son.

Nagendra is a resident of Tummanerale village in Mysuru taluk.

On May 23, 2014, Nagendra had taken Mallajamma of Dattagalli on his bike (KA-09-EU-9785) to meet a girl as Mallajamma was looking for a suitable alliance for her son.

While proceeding on the road leading to Suttur from Varuna village, Nagendra took Mallajamma to a deserted place where he brandished a knife and threatened Mallajamma and fled with a 40-gram gold chain, a pair of gold earrings weighing 5 grams and Rs. 600 cash.

A shocked Mallajamma somehow reached Mysuru and lodged a complaint at Mysuru South Rural Police Station. The Police registered cases under IPC Section 392 and 397 and arrested Nagendra.

The then Mysuru South Rural Police Circle Inspector Gopalakrishna had submitted a charge-sheet to the Court which had a list of all the crimes Nagendra had committed.

City's Third Additional District and Sessions Court Judge K.S. Bharathkumar found Nagendra guilty and sentenced him to five years jail and fined him Rs. 5,000 under IPC Section 392 and seven years jail and Rs. 5,000 fine under IPC Section 397 for robbing Mallajamma. Nagendra has to undergo the highest jail term.

Public Prosecutor Vasanthi M. Angadi argued on behalf of the Government. It may be recalled that the then Mysuru Rural Sub-Division DySP Vikram Amate had also conducted an investigation in this case.

Accused involved in 25 cases

Before looting the woman, accused Nagendra was earlier involved in 25 other cases. Nagendra, who was earlier working as a security guard at TVS Factory near Nanjangud, had joined hands with his father and had broke open the lock of a room in the factory and had stolen Rs. 19.05 lakh cash in 2010. This case is still pending in the Court.

The 25 cases also include two murder cases in Bilikere Police limits, an attempt to murder case in Mysuru South Rural Police limits and dacoity cases in Devaraja and Nazarbad Police limits among other cases.

Flat burgled at Sharadadevinagar

Gold ornaments, diamond earrings, silver articles, wrist watches, LED TV, cash stolen

Mysuru, Jan. 31 (RK&KS)- Miscreants who gained entry into a flat at an apartment in Sharadadevinagar here by forcing the door open, have decamped with gold, silver, cash and other valuables from the flat.

The burglary took place at Flat No. MIG 548 belonging to N. Gangadhar, a retired PF Office employee. On Jan. 11, Gangadhar, along with his wife G. Usha, had gone to their native Aathur village, Sullia taluk in Dakshina Kannada.

When the couple returned on Jan. 29 at 10.30 pm, they put in their key to open the front door and to their dismay, the door opened with just a nudge. With anxiety, they entered the flat and saw all their household things scattered. The couple also found their two almirahs forcibly opened and ransacked.

The burglars had made away with a 40-gram gold chain, one 30-gram pearl chain, a pair of diamond earrings, 40-gram coral gold bangle, a pair of black bead gold earrings, a pair of coral earrings, 350 grams silver articles, three Titan wrist watches, one 32 inch LED TV and Rs. 2,000 cash, all totalling Rs. 4 lakh.

Saraswathipuram Inspector N. Anil Kumar and staff, who rushed to the flat, conducted mahazar and registered a case. Dog Squad and Fingerprint unit also inspected the flat.

Obituary

Marikalaiah

Mysuru, Jan. 31- Marikalaiah (80), retired Veterinary Examiner and a resident of KHB Colony, Gautham Layout in Nanjangud, passed away yesterday at a private hospital in Mysuru following heart attack.

He leaves behind his wife, son KSRTC JTO Harish, daughters Bhavani, Jayashree, Lakshmi and Archana, sons-in-law, daughter-in-law, grand children and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Kudlapura village in Nanjangud taluk today, according to family sources.

Illegal gun manufacturing unit raided, six guns seized

Ramanagara, Jan. 31 (UNI)- Ramanagara District Police have unearthed a racket of manufacturing and selling of ballistic weapons with a raid near Magadi.

According to information issued to media by the Police recently, six people were arrested in connection with the raid and a total of six Single Barrel Muzzle Loading (SBML) guns were recovered.

The arrested are: P. Dhruvachari (52) and T. Puttaraju (32) of Gavinagamangala near Madabaal of Magadi taluk, Muniyappa Chakaiah (26) of Sonnenahalli, Maregowda Ramappa (59) of Dabbaguli, Puttaiah Madaiah (30) of Kempagondanahalli near Tavarekere near Bengaluru and N. Muniraju (31) of Seegehalli in Bengaluru.

Dhruvachari, a carpenter, is an expert in making and repairing such weapons and others had illegally procured the same from him.

"The district is rich in flora and fauna and we suspect that the accused might have sold weapons to those allegedly involved

in the wildlife trade racket," a Police officer said.

The officer added that the weapons would be examined by ballistic experts to ascertain the range/calibre.

Two go missing from city

Mallesh

Mahadevamma

Mysuru, Jan. 31 (KS)- In separate cases, a labourer and a woman have gone missing from Jayapura and Jayalakshmipuram Police limits in city.

In the first case, a 35-year-old labourer has gone missing and a case has been registered at Jayapura Police Station in this regard. The missing labourer is Mallesh, a resident of S. Kallahalli in the taluk.

Mallesh, who was working as a road-asphalting labourer at Hiriyambale village in Kollegal taluk under a contractor since one-and-a-half months, had not gone to his home.

When his family members did not receive any phone calls from him, they called the contractor, who told them that Mallesh told him that he was not keeping well and went to a hospital but has not returned to work.

Those having any information about Mallesh may contact Jayapura Police Station on Ph: 0821-2595781 or the District Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2444800.

In the second case, a 67-year-old woman, has gone missing from Jayalakshmipuram Police limits since Jan. 22.

The missing woman is Mahadevamma, a resident of Vinayakanagar in city. On Jan. 22 afternoon, Mahadevamma left her house saying that she was going to her son's house and has since gone missing.

Those having any information about the missing woman may contact Jayalakshmipuram Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418316 or Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339, according to a press release.

Dr. M.R. Ravi appointed Chamarajanagar DC

Chamarajanagar, Jan. 31 (SS&BCT)- The State Government has appointed Dr. M.R. Ravi as the Deputy Commissioner of Chamarajanagar. He took charge last evening from earlier DC B.B. Cauvery who has now been posted as Director, Urban Development Directorate, Bengaluru.

Ravi hails from Mamballi village in Yelandur taluk of Chamarajanagar district and has an opportunity to serve as the DC of his home district.

He had previously served as a lecturer, Education Officer and entered the KAS. He was later promoted to IAS.

As the Zilla Panchayat CEO in Dakshina Kannada, this pro-people officer relentlessly pursued the project of building mini check dams 'Kindi Anekattu' in various parts of the district.

"Chamarajanagar is not new to me and I have served here under various capacities. I am familiar with the problems plaguing the district and development will be my priority and want to showcase the development works," he told *Star of Mysore*.

Ravi has served as the Directorate of Collegiate Education and also as Chief Manager of KSTDC before being posted in Dakshina Kannada.

Outgoing Chamarajanagar DC B.B. Cauvery is seen greeting the new DC Dr. M.R. Ravi at her office last evening.

During his tenure as Commissioner, Department of Textiles and Handlooms, Ravi ensured every district had a Sanitary napkin manufacturing unit, thereby promoting women hygiene and welfare.

Literature has always been close to his heart. One of his articles has found its way into the text book for first year BBA students of Mangalore University. The article *"ellaru doctor, engineer aadre bere vruthigala paadenu"* was part of his book "Namma Uddhara Nammindale' published in 2016.

So far Ravi has penned nearly 10 books including one in English. He has also authored a book on Ambedkar and an anthology of poems '*Prema Laali*'. He is also penning another work named *"Bahupayogi Kindi Anekattugalu"* highlighting the importance of dams.

A recipient of several awards, writing is a hobby and a passion for Ravi who is serving the society both as an officer and a writer.

Daily wage employees meet on Feb.2

Mysuru, Jan.31- The Karnataka State Government Daily Wage Employees Welfare Federation has convened a meeting of Daily wage employees at Chamundi Guest House on JLB Road here at 2.30 pm on Feb.2.

The meeting will discuss pension, retirement benefits, supernumerary status and other issues, according to a press release issued by the Federation's District Convenor Rajanna.

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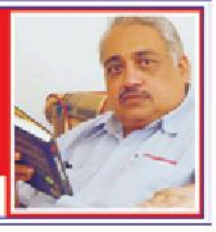

By Dr. K. Javeed Nayeem, MD

Coronavirus Scare:

What YOU should know !

Like a bolt from the blue, the spectre of the **Coronavirus infection** which was almost unknown to most people has come into the limelight over the past two weeks. Since the most recent outbreak of this disease was from Wuhan in China, it has come to be known as the **Wuhan Flu** too. The twin facts that there is no definitive cure or vaccine yet for the Coronavirus disease and that it carries a very high mortality rate has naturally made most people nervous.

People in our country are particularly worried that since it has made its appearance in our neighbouring country of China it can easily spread to our country also. This fear is justified too as direct person to person contact is the main mode of transmission of this infection and there is a considerable interaction between the people of our two countries these days for purposes of education, trade or tourism.

Very unfortunately, thanks to social media, the fear of contracting this infection, which has gone viral, has gripped our society and it is spreading faster than the virus itself. But this need not be so as most of us who stay put at home have very little chance of coming into contact with carriers or sufferers of this infection.

The proper WHO guided preventive measures advocated by our health authorities if followed by all of us can go a very long way in safeguarding our health. **As a first step, people should stop believing all that they see about this infection and its management on social media posts. Much of what is circulated is utter rubbish without any scientific basis which seems to be fabricated endlessly by some very unscrupulous individuals who take a perverse delight in creating panic through rumour-mongering. Some posts have even been fabricated with the logo and letterhead of the WHO to give them a look of scientific correctness. It is sad that in their anxiety most educated and knowledgeable people too fall prey to this racket and become jittery quite needlessly.**

What is worse is that with misguided good intentions, they also start forwarding the wrong information to all their contacts through social media posts. There is no point in panicking and resorting to all kinds of irrational, preventive and curative measures that only end up making us all look like fools. What you eat or how much water you drink or whether you keep your throat wet or dry will not make any difference to your chances of picking up the infection or surviving it. **If you live well away from areas of its outbreak and if you happen to suffer from symptoms of malaise, cold, cough and fever you are more likely to be having the common flu rather than anything serious!** Any panic is completely unfounded.

But if you do happen to be in the vicinity of the infection, it makes sense to be a little careful and take some scientifically correct precautions. These include the incorporation of WHO recommended quarantine protocols for patients and good personal hygiene measure like washing and sanitisation of hands for those who care for them.

Very simple measures such as avoiding contact like hugging and shaking hands with anyone having symptoms of cold and cough, covering our nose and mouth with a towel or handkerchief while coughing and sneezing, avoiding unprotected contact with wild or farm animals and proper cooking of meat and eggs will all ensure a very high degree of protection. There are dozens of other very potent and incurable viral infections like Ebola, Middle Eastern Respiratory Syndrome and Swine flu which keep surfacing from time to time somewhere in the world only to die a natural death without wiping us out. This is the natural history of most viral diseases. **Let us hope that this time too we may see the same thing happening !**

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Mysore Varsity VC asks Chinese students to delay return to city

Mysuru, Jan. 31- As part of twinning programme between India and China, 120 Chinese students are presently pursuing their studies at the University of Mysore. Out of the 120, 18 of them have travelled back to their homes in China for the Lunar new year holiday, at a time when there is a major outbreak of the coronavirus, with the city of Wuhan being the epicentre of this outbreak, with the reported death toll crossing 218 and thousands affected.

Mysore University Vice-Chancellor, Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar, who is presently in Trivandrum on an official trip, has urged the 18 Chinese students already in China, to stay back there to avoid any outbreak of the virus here in Mysuru city. The students have been intimated through SMS, according to sources.

According to District Surveillance Officer, Dr. Shivaprasad, the city is fully prepared to handle the situation if there is an outbreak of the coronavirus. Special wards have been set up at all District and Taluk hospitals, he added.

It may be recalled here that the first confirmed case of the virus outbreak in the country was reported from neighbouring State, Kerala, yesterday. A girl student studying at Wuhan University, who recently returned to Kerala, presented with symptoms of the coronavirus and has been kept in isolation at a hospital in Kerala. Her condition is said to be stable.

Three other students, who returned from Wuhan, were also put in an isolation ward at the same hospital and lab results of five more patients are awaited.

WHO declares global health emergency

World Health Organization (WHO) has declared coronavirus a public health emergency of international concern. "The main reason for this declaration is not what is happening in China but what is happening in other countries," said WHO Chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus.

Dialysis facility inaugurated at Jayadeva Hospital

Mysuru, Jan.31- Bengaluru's Jayadeva Institute of Cardio-vascular Sciences Director Dr. C.N. Manjunath inaugurated the Dialysis facility at Jayadeva Hospital on KRS Road in Mysuru recently.

The Dialysis machine and two Echo-cardiogram machines costing Rs.54.25 lakh was donated by Bank Note Paper Mill India Pvt.Ltd.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Manjunath said kidney patients who are operated for heart ailments, have to undergo dialysis later on. The Dialysis facility in Jayadeva Hospital will be of great help to such patients as they do not have to go elsewhere for dialysis, he said.

Noting that on an average, 600 to 700 patients are visiting Jayadeva Hospital every day for heart ailments, he said that about 40 to 50 of them undergo angioplasty, while three patients are performed open-heart surgery.

Pointing out that the Hospital has a medical staff numbering about 100, Dr. Manjunath said that the Hospital must ensure quality treatment to every patient.

Expressing concern over increasing heart ailments among children, he emphasised on the need for all persons aged over 40 years to undergo heart check-up.

Calling upon the people to refrain from excessive use of cell phones and social media and to maintain a balanced and healthy diet, he lauded the gesture of Bank Note Paper Mill for donating the much-needed machines.

Bank Note Paper Mill Managing Director K.G. Vishwanathan complimented Jayadeva Hospital for rendering quality health services to all sections of society at very affordable cost.

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Workshop on "Complementary Therapies in Autism Spectrum Disorder" at UoM on Feb. 15

Mysuru, Jan. 31- The Department of Studies in Food Science and Nutrition, University of Mysore (UoM), has organised a workshop on "Complementary Therapies in Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD): Interplay between Diet and Gut Microbiota" on Feb. 15 at IOE Auditorium, Vijnana Bhavan, Manasagangothri.

Students of Nutrition & Dietetics, Research Scholars, Parents, Caretakers of ASD, Nutritionists, Dietitians, Clinicians and health care professionals may attend the event. The following Resource Persons will address the workshop:

Dr. Nawab Akhthar Khan, Associate Professor, Clinical Psychology Department, JSS Hospital, Mysuru (Topic: Overview on Autism); Dr. Vimal Karani, Associate Professor, University of Reading, UK (Gut microbiome and its implications); Dr. Asna Urooj, Professor, University of Mysore (Nutrition therapy in Autism); Kumar Sankaran, CEO, Leucine Bio Rich Pvt. Ltd., Bengaluru (Link between Gut Microbiome & Autism); Dr. Praveen Jacob, Assistant Professor, K.S. Medical College, Mangalore (Non-Pharmacological Approaches in the Treatment of Autism); Ida Menezes, Child Development expert, Mysuru (Case Presentations).

The workshop is based on the Department's studies which have shown variations in dietary intake leading to nutrient imbalance and micro-nutrient deficiencies which impacts the behavioural episodes, growth and development. There is no registration fee for parents, however, they must confirm participation before Feb. 5. For details contact Seema Siddiqui on Mob: 9035275021 or Namratha Pai on Mob: 9738364472 or Department Office on Ph: 0821- 2419636, according to a press release.

Akshay Kumar wraps up shoot at Bandipur; returns to Mumbai

Discovery Channel pays Rs. 10 lakh to Forest Department to shoot *Man Vs Wild*

Akshay Kumar seen at Mysore Airport along with Airport Director R. Manjunath before leaving to Chennai last evening.

*BONHOMIE: **Actor Akshay Kumar and TV presenter Bear Grylls exchange a warm moment after completing their shooting schedules inside Bandipur Tiger Reserve last evening.***

Mysuru, Jan. 31- Bollywood star, Akshay Kumar, who was in Bandipur with Bear Grylls to shoot an episode of Discovery Channel TV series *Man Vs Wild*, returned to Mumbai last evening via Chennai. He took the evening flight from Mysore Airport to reach Chennai.

The actor, who spent over six hours inside the core area of the Bandipur Tiger Reserve, was bowled over and overwhelmed by nature in its wild form. Akshay Kumar, amidst the shoot, took time to interact with forest personnel and lauded their efforts in preserving and conserving the flora and fauna.

The actor, being an adventure enthusiast, tried the rope cross over Moolehole River to check out parts of Tiger Road in the core area of the Reserve. “If forests are alive, humans are alive,” Akshay said while conversing with Bandipur Tiger Reserve (Project Tiger) Director T. Balachandra.

Bear Grylls told Balachandra that the Bandipur forest is untouched with different species of trees unlike in some forests which have only a few species. Akshay Kumar gave a shout-out to all the personnel who are involved in wildlife conservation.

Before Rajinikanth and Akshay Kumar, celebrities like former US President Barack Obama, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, World Tennis Champion Roger Federer, Actress Julia Roberts, American basketball player Shaquille O Neal, actors Courtney Cox, David Michael Bautista, Kate Winslet, Lena Headley, Michael B. Jordon, Stephen Fry and singer and song writer Nick Jonas were featured in *Man Vs Wild*.

Ministry and NTCA permission

"Akshay Kumar shot for a day in Bandipur on Thursday for a Discovery Channel programme," Chief Wildlife Warden Sanjay Mohan said. Discovery Channel had sought permission for shooting between Jan. 28 and Jan. 30. The actual shooting with the actors, Rajinikanth and Akshay, was only for one day each on Tuesday and Thursday.

"The Discovery team had come to my office. We told them they would have to follow the rules strictly. If they fail to abide by the norms, we will cancel the shooting," said Sanjay. The permission is needed from the Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF), the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) and others.

Rs. 10 lakh fee

Balachandra said the TV channel paid Rs. 10 lakh for four days of shooting. The Forest Department didn't charge Discovery Channel anything more than the usual fees, Sanjay Mohan said.

The Bandipur Tiger Reserve was formed by integrating forest areas of erstwhile Venugopala Wildlife Park, which was established in 1941 and was later enlarged to its current size in the Chamarajanagar district, about 220 km South-West of Bengaluru. The Tiger Reserve lists 28 species of mammals, including Royal Bengal tiger, Asian elephant, leopard, bonnet macaque, Indian Pipistrel and barking deer. Besides, there is an impressive population of reptiles and insects.

Nurturing forests

Some top forest officials were unhappy with the channel for not recognising the Department's role in nurturing the forest. "We told them you must include information in the programme and show how the forest guards are working tirelessly to save the forest," said an official.

According to the official, Discovery Channel should not just use Indian forests for shooting programmes but also recognise India’s efforts at conservation.

No tigers spotted

After completing the shooting schedule, Bear Grylls left at around 3 pm yesterday for Gundlupet by road and then took a chopper to Bengaluru. Akshay Kumar left Bandipur forest at around 4 pm and then took a flight to Chennai from Mysore Airport and from there, he proceeded towards Mumbai.

In spite of Bandipur having the highest tiger population in the country, no tigers were spotted during the celebrities' stay on all the three days although many a sloth bears and elephants frequented the areas where the documentary shooting was held.

Bandipur had been trending in the media in the last three days with Superstar Rajinikanth shooting an episode on the first day of the shoot with Bear Grylls. Bear Grylls, after wrapping up the shoot, on his twitter handle, said, “Always proud to be a friend of India.”

Akshay Kumar seen with forest officials and staff inside Bandipur.

Michelin Star Chef Gordon Ramsay in Kodagu to film Kodava cuisine

Celebrated Restaurateur is on a culinary adventure featuring native chefs and dishes of Malabar, Kodagu regions

Madikeri, Jan. 31 (BCT)- Imagine Kadumbutt Pandi Curry, Akki Otti, Baimbale Curry and other popular Kodava cuisines prominently figuring in the Michelin-starred restaurants in the dining capitals of New York, Dubai and London. Going by the looks of it, this will be a reality very soon, attested by none other than Gordon Ramsay, the International Chef, Restaurateur and Television Personality.

Ramsay is in Kodagu shooting for a documentary on Kodava cuisine, which is expected to feature native chefs from Kodagu. He is staying at the plush Tamara Resort, Kabbinakad Estate at Yavakapadi village near Kakkabe, North Kodagu.

Before arriving in Kodagu, the British chef, whose restaurants have been awarded 16 Michelin Stars in total, was spotted at Muzhappilangad Beach and The Malabar Beach Resort in Kannur on Monday where he was filming the making of Malabar cuisine including Ghee Rice, Ari Pathiri (rice roti), Kallummakaya (Mussels) Fry and Thalassery Biriyani. After the Malabar shoot, he came to Kodagu on Monday evening, reports said.

Gordon Ramsay owns two posh restaurants in Dubai and is touring select parts in South India including Malabar region and Kodagu to film a segment of his *National Geographic* show 'Gordon Ramsay: Uncharted.'

Several native chefs and their dishes will feature in the documentary aimed at acquainting his fans with food from around the globe. Ramsay even posted an Instagram story about his culinary adventure in Kerala. The culinary adventure series shows Ramsay travelling to remote locations to engross himself in indigenous cuisine and learn more about the same through local chefs. The series is expected to provide a boost to Malabar and Kodava cuisine and native chefs.

"For me, 'Uncharted' was diving into those unknown secrets, away from the touristy parts and embedding myself in that community. I've spent the last two decades with the most amazing ingredients arriving on my doorstep, so to turn that in reverse and to go to the source is incredible," he posted on social media.

'Uncharted' Season 1 which premiered on July 21, 2019, on the *National Geographic Network* saw Ramsay's adventures in Peru, New Zealand, Morocco, Hawaii, Laos and Alaska. Previously, Ramsay had featured in the television series 'Gordon's Great Escape' wherein he embarked on a culinary adventure in India and Asia.

417 BSNL employees take VRS

Rangaswamy

Mysuru, Jan. 31 (BCT)- Over 417 employees of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL), Mysuru and Chamarajanagar Circle, will join the 78,000 BSNL employees who will retire today (Jan. 31) in one of the largest **Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS)** drives in the country.

The 417 employees include 95 employees from Mysuru General Manager's Office and the rest are from Chamarajanagar Circle. Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, Deputy General Manager (Administration and Planning) Rangaswamy, who is also retiring tomorrow, said that retiring employees come from various grades starting from lineman, clerks, engineers, Deputy General Managers, Assistant Engineers, Divisional Engineers and Executive Engineers.

Reducing the number of employees is one way for the cash-strapped BSNL to find a way out of the financial crisis they find themselves lodged in now. "Approximately 78,300 employees have opted for the VRS as per data received from all the Circles till the closing of the scheme. This is as per our target. We were expecting reduction of 82,000 headcount. Besides VRS applicants, around 6,000 employees also retired," BSNL Chairman and Managing Director P.K. Purwar told reporters in New Delhi. There would be over 85,000 employees left after the retirement drive.

BSNL expects to save as much as Rs. 600 crore monthly on wages and is now eyeing monetisation of company-owned land assets worth Rs. 73,000 crore in order to turn profitable.

According to the retirement scheme, all regular and permanent employees of BSNL including those on deputation to other organisations or posted outside the corporation on deputation basis, who attained the age of 50 years or above are eligible to seek VRS. The amount of ex-gratia for any eligible employee will be equal to 35 days' salary for each completed year of service and 25 days' salary for every year of service left until superannuation.

The State-owned Telco with a revenue-to-wage ratio of 75 percent had floated a scheme for voluntary retirement after the Cabinet's approval in October 2019 to bring down its huge salary burden. The current employee base of 70,000 would be a reasonable number to support the network. BSNL will however continue to meet salary expenses of those retiring till Jan. 31, 2020.

Bank Strike today and tomorrow

(Continued from page 1)

Cash deposit, withdrawal, cheque clearances, instrument issuance and loan disbursement operations could be affected due to strike.

In Mysuru, bank employees took out a massive rally from Saraswathipuram SBI Branch till Bogadi Road via Kamakshi Hospital and Vishvamanava Double Road. Most of the employees sported black shirts and some of them wore black bands to register their protest.

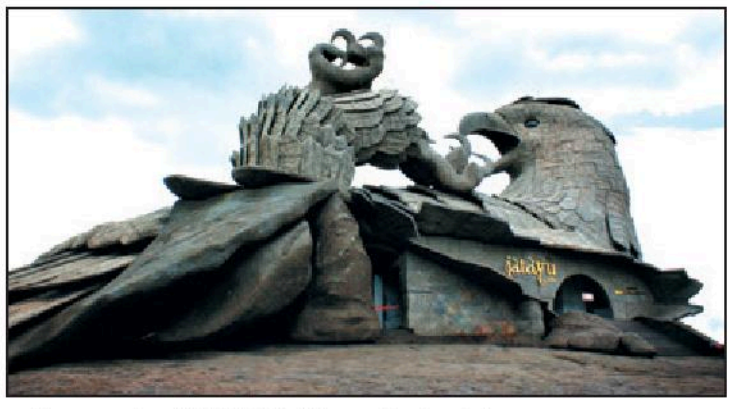
The UFBU decided to go ahead with the strike after a meeting with the Indian Bank Association (IBA) remained inconclusive. Unions are demanding 20 per cent hike on pay slip components with adequate loading. The wage revision for employees at public sector banks is pending since November 2017.

There are several demands, including the merger of special allowance with basic pay, updation of pension, improvement in the family pension system, five-day banking, allocation of staff welfare fund based on operating profits and exemption from income tax on retirement benefits without a ceiling.

IBA has made it clear that the proposal of 5-day banking is not possible. "It is known to all that the economy of the country is going through testing times. Banks being the principal players in economic development cannot afford to provide lesser number of working days for banking activities," IBA said in a statement. It also said India already has one of the highest number of public holidays than any other country and adding 26 more holidays would create more problems for the public.

Jatayu Temple

near Trivandrum to open next week



Mysuru, Jan. 31 (OSR)- The first phase of Jatayu Nature Park, a much-awaited tourism destination in Kerala, is all set to open next week, according to sources.

The Park is named after the mythical bird from Ramayana — Jatayu, who tried to rescue Sita from Ravana. The nature park project has been started with the aim of promoting mythology, adventure and wellness tourism.

Located in Chadayamangalam village in Kollam district of Kerala, this rock theme park will be a treat to the eyes as well as the sense of adventure for the tourists.

The sculpture is 200 feet long, 150 feet broad, 70 feet in height and has a floor area of 15,000 square feet. The sculpture sits at the spot where Jatayu took his last breath. Locals believe that the mythical bird fell there after being struck down by Ravana.

The sculpture sits on top of a hill and will have a 6-Dimension theatre and an audio-visual based digital museum inside it. The museum will exhibit glimpses from Ramayana. One can also enjoy the bird's eye view experience from 1,000 feet above the sea level, from inside the sculpture.

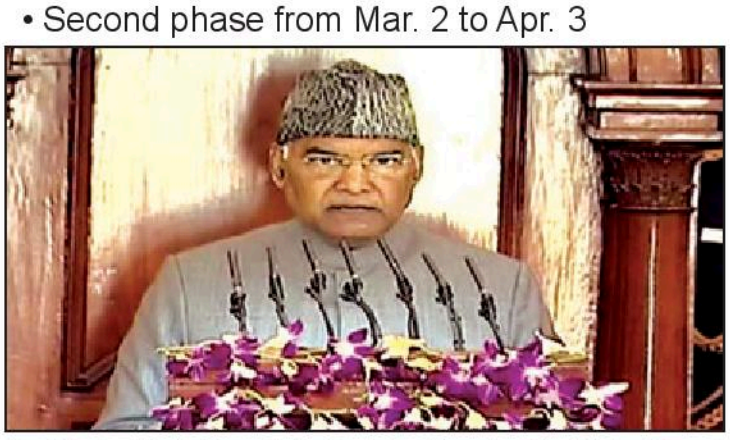
Budget Session: Economic Survey tabled in Parliament

Union Budget to be presented tomorrow

- Session to be held in two phases
- First phase from Jan. 31 to Feb. 11
- Second phase from Mar. 2 to Apr. 3

New Delhi, Jan. 31 (Agencies)- The Budget Session of the Parliament began today with the Union Budget to be presented tomorrow. The budget session will be held in two phases, first phase from Jan. 31 to Feb. 11 and second phase from Mar. 2 to Apr. 3. The Union Budget will be presented tomorrow by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.

Nirmala Sitharaman



President of India Ram Nath Kovind addressing the joint sitting of Parliament in New Delhi this morning.

On the first day today, the Economic Survey was tabled in the Parliament by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, projecting India's economic growth at 6 per cent to 6.5 per cent in the next financial year starting April 1. The growth in 2020-21 compares to a projected 5 percent expansion in 2019-20.

The Economic Survey of India is an annual document presented by the government mainly to review the state of the economy in the previous one year, while throwing light on its short-to-medium term prospects. The Economic Survey document is equally, if not more, important than the main Union Budget as it not only lays the premise for key policy decisions that need to be taken to take the economy forward but also assesses the impact of the previous decisions through detailed statistical data.

Earlier, President Ram Nath Kovind, who addressed the joint sitting of Parliament said that the scrapping of Article 370 and Article 35A of the Constitution by Parliament was a historic one, which has paved way for equal development of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.

The President urged the Opposition to engage in debate and desist protests, which he said weakens the country.

While the comment drew long thumping of desks from the treasury benches, the Opposition voiced in protest.

Addressing media before the Budget Session, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that he hoped for detailed discussions on the economy and the empowerment of people ahead of the Budget Session.

"I want wide-ranging, qualitative discussion on economy in both houses. Our session should be focused on economic matters and how India can take advantage of the current global economic situation," said PM Modi in his customary remarks at the start of a session.

Rev.Fr. Anthony Swamy passes away

Mysuru, Jan. 31- Rev.Fr. S. Anthony Swamy (59), a priest of the Diocese of Mysore passed away this morning following cardiac arrest.

He is the nephew of Most Rev. Dr. Thomasappa Anthony Swamy, Bishop of Chikkamagalur and brother of late Fr. Augustine of the Archdiocese of Bengaluru.

The mortal remains were kept for public viewing at St. Joseph's Cathedral in St. Philomena's Church premises today till 2 pm, followed by the funeral service at St. Joseph's Cathedral at 3.30 pm. Burial took place at the Catholic Cemetery on Mahadevapura Road in Gandhinagar later.

Bishop of Mysuru Most Rev. Dr. K.A. William, Bishop emeritus Most Rev. Dr. Thomas A. Vazhapilly, clergies and others have condoled the death of Rev. Fr. S. Anthony Swamy.

Entries invited

Mysuru, Jan.31- The Karnataka Yakshagana Academy has invited entries from writers of Yakshagana books for the best book prize. The books can be on any form of Yakshagana and must be self-written.

Interested writers can send their entries along with four copies of their works to Registrar, Karnataka Sahitya Academy, Kannada Bhavan, 2nd Floor, J.C. Road, Bengaluru- 560 002, before Feb.7. The best works will be given a cash prize of Rs. 25,000. For more details, call: 080-22113146.

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Mahila Samskruthika Utsava captivates spectators

Mysuru, Jan. 31 (RKB&BCT)- Dollu Kunitha, Patada Kunitha, Suggi Kunitha, fancy dress, painting and art, sea shell art, art from mini conches, gourd art, rangoli, folk songs and dance, drama, bhajans and seminars on relevant topics — all under one roof. The occasion was a day-long Mahila Samskruthika Utsava held at Kalamandira on Wednesday.

From ancient times to the present, women throughout the world have participated in arts in diverse ways. Whether as creators and innovators of numerous forms of art, women have been and continue to be integral to art.

For the most part, however, traditional art history has systematically excluded women's participation in art. Instead of recognising women artists, the art — as an institution — has generally deemed women's contributions as non-existent or inferior to those of men's. However, the Mahila Samskruthika Utsava provided a befitting platform for women to display their art works, paintings, debating skills, dance and songs and even performing art.

The event was organised by Department of Kannada and Culture and was inaugurated by Chamaraja MLA L. Nagendra. The programmes were presented by various teams including Dollu Kunitha by Kukkarahalli Kavitha and team, Patada Kunitha by Government PU College for Girls on Chamaraja Double Road, Suggi Kunitha by Sahana and team of Hunsur and fancy dress by Kathyayani.

Mysuru's Shubha Raghavendra, Rajeshwari, Snehashri and Prema, Nanjangud's Ashwini, Dr. M.P. Preetham and Manjula Nagarathna presented light music while Salma and team and Kriya Folk Troupe presented folk songs. Karavali Yakshagana team presented Yakshagana. Pooja Kunitha was performed by Beedanahalli (T. Narasipur) Pallavi and team.

Banjara dance performed by Neralu Trust, Nagari beats by Amritha and team from Mysuru and Kamsaale by Desiranga Samskruthika Samsthe earned huge applause. A play "Uriya Uyyaale" was staged and later, Mahadevi presented her speech on topic 'Women and Entrepreneurship' while Lolakshi presented her views on 'Women and Society'. Danseuse Vasundhara Doraswamy presided over the seminar session.

Vagdevi Bhajana Mandali, Gaanasudha & Jnaneshwari music troupes and Kadali Mahila Vedike presented Bhajans. Bharatiya Nruthya Kala Parishat, Nayana Bharatanatyam of T Narasipur and Nitya Niranthara Trust of Yeraganahalli presented a dance feature. State awardee and senior Sobane artiste Bannur Kempamma, along with Sannamma, Rajamma, Mangalamma and Neelamma pulled the attention of the audience through Sobane Pada. Another play was presented by Mysuru District Kannada Vrutthi Rangabhoomi artistes.

At the Suchitra Art Gallery, an exhibition was organised of Gourd art where household items like vases, bags, mementoes to be kept on dining and tea tables were displayed. Dried shell of Gourds were artistically painted to give them a new look. Interestingly, there were items that were made exclusively for children to wean them away from metal and plastic toys that sometimes are hazardous.

A separate section was dedicated to Asha Prasad's art works where her traditional paintings made using chalk powder, Mysore Gold Leaf and Tanjore Gold Leaf were displayed. Warli painting by Siri and Chandana of Ravivarma School of Art attracted many eyeballs. Radha Mallappa of conch and sea shell art fame also displayed her art works.

Rangayana Director Addanda C. Cariappa, ZP Vice President Gowramma Somashekar, Taluk Panchayat President Kalamma Kemparamaiah, Rangayana Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy and others were present.

Col. C.K. Nayadu Trophy 2019-20

Uttar Pradesh holds upper hand

Mysuru, Jan. 31- Inspiring batting performances by skipper Karan Sharma (160, 256b, 21x4, 2x6), Sameer Choudhary (67), Vineet Panwar (61 n.o, 112b, 5x4, 2x6), Jasmer Dhankhar (48, 125b,4x4, 2x6), enabled Uttar Pradesh to score 434 in 140 overs in their first innings and at close of play took control of the proceedings by reducing hosts Karnataka to 75/4 in 33 overs, at the end of the second day's play in the four-day Col. C.K. Nayadu Trophy 2019-20 match being played at SDNR Wadiyar Platinum Jubilee University Grounds here on Thursday.

Resuming at their overnight score of 285/4 in 90 overs, Uttar Pradesh lost skipper Karan Sharma (160) bowled by Abhilash Shetty. At one stage, Uttar Pradesh were 325/8, but a good rear-guard action by Vineet Panwar (61 n.o) and Jasmer Dhankar (48) who added 109-runs for the ninth wicket, enabled them to post 434 in 140 overs.

Medium-pacer Abhilash Shetty impressed with figures of 4/79. M.N. Bhandage (2/43), Rishi Bopanna (2/67), Thushar Harikrishna (1/67) and Vyshak Vijaykumar (1/88) were the wicket-takers for Karnataka.

In reply, Karnataka started badly losing opener B.U. Shivakumar (1) and K. Abheet (0) and were struggling at 2/6, but recovered to some extent when N. Jayesh (38, 69b, 5x4) and skipper Kishan S. Bedare (32, 4x4) added 57-runs for the third wicket, before Jayesh was dismissed off Shiva Singh. Uttar Pradesh are ahead by 359-runs and an interesting day's play is in the offing.

SCORES

Uttar Pradesh 434 in 140 overs (Karan Sharma 160, Sameer Choudhary 67, Vineet Panwar 61 n.o, Jasmer Dhankhar 48, Sawan Singh 45, Abhilash Shetty 4/79, M.N. Bhandage 2/43, Rishi Bopanna 2/82) Vs Karnataka 75/4 in 33 overs (N. Jayesh 38, Kishan S. Bedare 32, Kunal Yadav 2/16, Shiva Singh 2/23).

ITF Grade 5 Junior Tennis

Arnav, Denim Yadav duo enter finals

Mysuru, Jan. 31- Mysuru lad Arnav Pathange, teaming up with Denim Yadav, entered the final in the junior boys doubles event in the ITF Grade-5 junior tennis tournament at the Indore Tennis Club on Thursday.

Arnav Pathange and Denim Yadav beat Sam Chawla and Dhurv Tanngri 7-6 (3), 6-0 in the doubles semi-finals. In the quarter-finals, Arnav Pathange and denim beat Aman Adil Tezabwala and Neel Garud 6-1, 6-1 to enter the last four stage of the tourney.

In the junior boys singles event, second seeded Dhurv Tangri beat Arnav Pathange 7-6(4), 6-4 and entered the semi-finals.

Cairo ITF Men's Tennis

Prajwal Dev goes down to Traskin

Cairo, Jan. 31- Mysuru lad S.D. Prajwal Dev, representing India and taking part in the 15,000$ ITF men's tennis tournament in Cairo, Egypt, went down in the men's singles first round on Wednesday.

Henrik Traskin (Ltu) scored a 4-6, 7-6(3), 5-1 (retd) win over Prajwal and sailed into pre-quarterfinals. In the men's doubles event, Yurii Dzharakian (Ukr) and Gunjan Jadhav beat Ansu Buyan and Prajwal 6-7(1), 7-5 (10-8) to enter quarter-finals.

MDFA 'B' Division Football

Narrow win for KR Mill FC

Mysuru, Jan. 31- A goal each by left-out Varun (13th), centre-forward Sachin (33rd) and right-out Abhi (51st) enabled KR Mill FC to register a 3-2 win over Soniya FC in the MDFA 'B' Division Football League 2019-20 for Govindaraju Memorial trophy, played at the University Grounds here on Thursday.

Riyyan (18th) and Rizwan (54th) reduced the margin for Soniya FC.

RESULT

KR Mill FC 3 (Varun 13, Sachin 33, Abhi 51) bt Soniya FC 2 (Riyyan 18, Rizwan 54). **Wednesday's match:** Dynamics FC 1 (Karthik 17) drew with Lions FC 1 (Yashwanth 15).

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BCCI Women's U-23 One-Day Trophy

Shubha shines for Karnataka

Vijayawada, Jan. 31- Mysuru girl S. Shubha, representing Karnataka, continued her excellent form with the willow by scoring a 121-ball 113 and helped Karnataka to register a big 118-run win over Punjab Cricket Association in the BCCI Women's U-23 one-day Trophy match at Devineni Venkata Ramana Praneetha Grounds in Mulapadu on Wednesday.

Shubha Satish

Karnataka scored 273/8 in 50 overs and in reply Punjab Cricket Association (Punjab CA) were bowled out for 155 in 40.3 overs.

SCORES

KSCA 273/8 in 50 overs (S. Shubha 113, Prathyoosha Kumar 57, Niki Prasad 44, Kanika Ahuja 3/52, Priya Kumari 2/33, Mannat Kashyap 2/56) bt Punjab CA 155 in 40.3 overs (Ridhima Agarwal 29, Shrishti Rajput 35, Pragati Singh 25, Aditi Rajesh 2/16, Sahana S. Pawar 3/36, C. Prathyusha 3/18).

Intra-Academy Football Tourney in Vijayanagar on Feb. 2

Mysuru, Jan. 31- An Intra-Academy Football Tournament has been organised on Feb. 2 (Sunday) by Match Box, a Multi-Sport Turf Park, at its premises in Vijayanagar 3rd Stage. The event is held in association with Vijayanagar Football Club.

Intra-Academy Football Tournament is an opportunity for kids to experience the football spirit and competitiveness and at the same time understand the football culture and sportsmanship.

Prior to the tourney, there will be a tribute to the NBA legend Kobe Bryant, who died in a helicopter crash recently.

For details on the tournament, contact Mob: +91 96201 92323, according to a press release from Shivani Satish.

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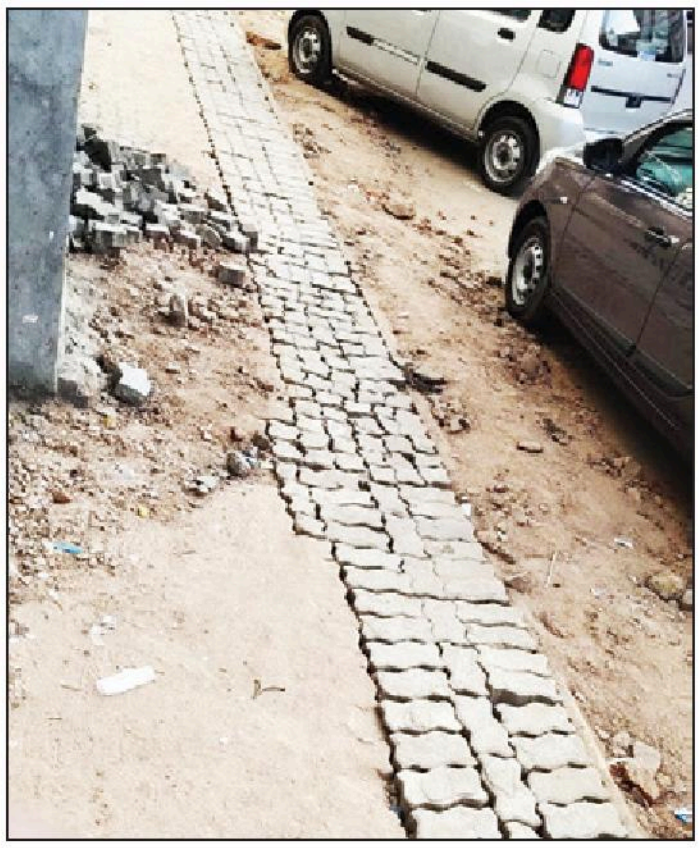
Incomplete works causing problems on Ashoka Road



Incomplete and slow works being carried out from Central Post Office towards Town Hall are causing a lot of problems to motorists, residents and shopkeepers. Shopkeepers say the road was dug up about three months ago, but the work is yet to be completed. They also alleged that a portion of the dug up road has not been filled properly and of late, inter-locking tiles were laid, that too not fully and the tiles are not cemented. Also, the debris due to digging of trench has not been cleared. Concerned authorities are urged to take steps to complete the work at earliest also ensuring quality.

Broken drain cover posing danger at V.V. Mohalla

A rusted iron rod protruding from a broken drain cover near Mathrumandali Circle, next to CESC bill payment counter is posing danger to the public. This broken cover is lying unattended and unrepaired since more than a year, say the residents. Authorities concerned are urged to take steps to replace the broken drain cover at the earliest.

Garbage crisis in Mysuru: Are we concerned ?

This used to be a common sight, however this is now becoming rare. But there is still an immediate need to eliminate piling of garbage on road sides.

By Bhamy V. Shenoy

If one wants to appreciate the meaning of "Nero fiddling while Rome was burning", just look at the way how our Corporators left the Council Hall recently fuming at the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner who could not give them the "promised" Rs. 50 lakh for each Ward.

Residents of Vidyaranyapuram keep complaining about the stink from Excel Plant; Mysureans continue to see garbage all over the city and Mysuru keeps descending down the Clean City ranking. Only four years back, Mysuru was given the 'Cleanest City' award. What should be our priorities? Corporators should have demanded the formation of Ward Committees as mandated by the High Court.

Where will MCC find Rs. 100 crore to install machines to convert waste into bio-fertilizers as reported in *SOM* dated Jan.7? This "magical" machine, by a Nagpur-based company, is supposed to convert garbage into paper, tar and bio-fertilizers. It is unfortunate that the Government source is trying to mislead Mysureans with this kind of news.

It is the Director of Mumbai-based Zigma (with an office in Chennai), who had coordinated Mysuru Team (led by the DC and the Mayor) to study their Nagpur installation to handle legacy waste which has been put into landfills over the years. Zigma does not handle daily waste as implied in the report. Its expertise is in handling landfill waste and restoring the land to its original form. It has successfully cleared the landfills in several cities in India like Kumbakonam, Noida, Poonamallee, etc. Currently they have ongoing projects in Vadodara, Nagapur (one visited by Mysuru Team), Chidambaram, Tirupati, Erode, Trichy, etc.

The Mumbai-based company does not claim to have the technology to convert garbage into paper or tar or bio-fertilizers.

While we in Mysuru should appreciate the efforts of our MP Pratap Simha in taking the initiative to handle the age-old problem of landfill by introducing Zigma, we need to develop ways of handling daily waste of about 450 to 500 tons.

There are still many steps like getting the formal approval, funding and tendering before the actual work starts even to handle legacy waste. There is no tender to start the work as suggested in the article. I want to repeat again that Zigma has no expertise to convert garbage into valuable products and we need different ways of handling the daily waste.

From time to time, consultants and aid agencies approach MCC to make presentations on Waste to Energy (WtE) processes. Thankfully none has been accepted so far. As reported in the media, Bengaluru seems to be getting ready to commit a blunder by investing in five WtE plants costing Rs. 1,500 crore. While waste handled by developed countries (not many countries have such WtE plants) has high percentage of combustible and non-biodegradable components with high calorific value and low moisture, the waste in Mysuru is different. We have high percentage of bio-degradable and less combustible components. I have analysed economics of several such plants and they are not economical.

Actually if only we had concentrated on Excel Plant in Vidyaranyapauram and continued to refine the process based on Indian know-how, we would have been better off. Alternately we should develop a decentralised way of handling segregated garbage by installing processes to compost garbage or use biomethanation (biogas technology in which CFTRI has considerable expertise) to generate energy in different parts of Mysuru.

After water, garbage is the next major problem Mysuru faces. If our Corporators and MLAs take interest like our MP took the initiative to solve legacy waste problem, we can find a solution.

At the same time, we the people also have to take up our responsibility seriously. Despite the best efforts of MCC to collect segregated garbage from our residences, there is still a significant percentage of households who do not bother to segregate the garbage. It is high time that MCC stops collecting garbage from such households and if they continue to dump on the road side, MCC should impose a heavy penalty.

It is high time, elected leaders, MCC and residents start taking garbage issue seriously or the day is not far off when it will become a major health issue affecting every one — rich and poor.

Continuing Medical Education programme on Rectal Cancer at Cauvery Hospital

KSOU Vice-Chancellor Dr. Vidyashankar seen lighting the lamp to inaugurate the CME programme in city recently as (from left) Dr. Anil Kamath, Dr. C.P. Nanjaraj, Dr. G.R. Chandrashekar and Dr. Javeed Nayeem look on.

Mysuru, Jan. 31 (KS) - Cauvery Heart and Multi-speciality Hospital, Mysuru, conducted a one-day Continuing Medical Education (CME) programme on rectal cancer with hands-on workshop of GI Staplers at a private hotel in city recently.

Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) Vice-Chancellor Dr. S. Vidyashankar, who was the chief guest, stressed on the importance of artificial intelligence and asked the doctors to have a good interface between medical and engineering fields for the betterment of humanity.

Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI) Dean and Director Dr. C.P. Nanjaraj, who was the guest of honour, explained about the importance of clinical examination in this modern era of gadgets and advanced investigations.

Chairman of Cauvery Heart and Multi-speciality Hospital and Syndicate Member of Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences (RGUHS) Dr. G.R. Chandrashekar and Senior Consultant Physician Dr. Javeed Nayeem were present at the programme attended by over 100 Surgeons and Post Graduates from various medical colleges and hospitals.

More than 15 doctors including Senior Oncosurgeon Dr. Anil Kamath, Dr. Aravind, Senior Medical Gastroenterologist Dr. Rajkumar Wadhwa presented their papers.

The CME was followed by a workshop where the uses of GI Staplers were explained and practiced by PGs and Surgeons.

Road Safety awareness campaign by Narayana Multi-speciality Hospital

A week-long campaign on Road Safety awareness was conducted by Narayana Multi-speciality Hospital, Mysuru, in association with Mysuru City Police recently as part of the Hospital's CSR activity at K.R. Circle, Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa Circle (Metropole Circle), Railway Station, Ramaswamy Circle, Ayurveda Hospital Circle and Cheluvamba Hospital Circle.

'Swachha Meva Jayate' campaign

Mysuru, Jan. 31 - Baalya Trust NGO, in association with Tribal Department, Mysuru and Zilla Panchayat, has organised a month-long (Jan. 24- Feb. 25) *Swachha Meva Jayate: Health, Hygiene and Special Handwash* campaign for students of all Government Tribal Schools in Mysuru.

The programme was inaugurated by H.D. Kote Tribal Officer Chandrappa at Tribal School in Bheemanahalli, H.D. Kote. Baalya Trust Chief Functionary Anantha, Trust members Shwetha and Harsha, Tribal School Faculty Sumithra and Sudha were present.

The programme aims to bring awareness in about 2,500 school children about the usage of hand wash before eating food, after sports and other such activities, thereby resulting in better health and overall well-being.

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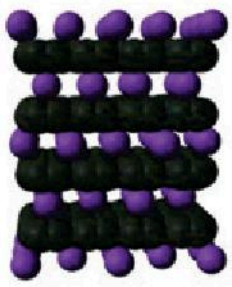
WORD OF THE DAY

Intercalate

Pronunciation: in-TER-kuh-layt.



Meaning: To insert (something, such as a day) in a calendar; to insert between or among existing elements or layers.

Origin: Intercalate was formed from the Latin prefix inter-, meaning "between" or "among," and the Latin verb calāre, meaning "to proclaim" or "to announce." It was originally associated with proclaiming the addition of a day or month in a calendar. An instance of intercalation occurred in the earliest versions of the Roman calendar, which originally consisted of 304 days and 10 months and was determined by the lunar cycle (the remaining 61.25 days of winter were apparently ignored). According to some Roman legends, it was Numa Pompilius, the second king of Rome, who intercalated the months January and February. Eventually, the word's use broadened to include other instances of introducing new elements or layers into a preexisting system.

THE ODD WORD

Iamatology

Study of remedies.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

I smell a rat

Meaning: When someone says "I smell a rat" it means they feel something is not quite right. They may feel suspicious of a situation or of another person.

Origin: For centuries, one way that the word "smell" has been used is to describe a suspicious feeling that someone has. For example, in the play *King Lear,* written around the early 17th century, William Shakespeare wrote: "Do you smell a fault?" Today, people commonly use the expressions "(something) smells fishy" or "I smell a rat" to describe their suspicions.

Where did this saying come from? Well, it probably has to do with dead rats, and here's why: Rats are cool creatures, but when they crawl underneath your house or they find their way into the walls of your home, they can become a problem. This is especially true if the rat dies while in one of those locations, because then the stench of their rotting corpse will enter the home. Such a smell is unpleasant for the homeowners because even though they're aware of the foul odour in the air, they may not be able to pinpoint what's causing it. They just know that something doesn't smell right.

Later, they find the dead rat and realise that the off-putting smell was actually coming from a dead rodent. Yes, they were "smelling a rat." Thus, perhaps this stinky situation is how the idiom originated and how it got its meaning of "something doesn't feel/smell right."

QUOTE BOX

I could no more define poetry than a terrier can define a rat.

— A. E. Housman

RIDDLE THIS

You see a boat filled with people. It has not sunk, but when you look again you don't see a single person on the boat. Why?

Answer :All the people were married.

SUDOKU

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Look brightly or smile
5 Global Air Traffic Mgmnt.
9 Commercial Aviation Sys.
12 Eight as a prefix
13 Fencer's blade
14 Printer's measures
15 Town in MP
16 Sarcastic, mocking
18 The little love god
20 A ___ point : a debatable point or matter?
21 An old infantry weapon
24 Disorder or confusion
27 By hand
31 Suffix with "eras" or "past"
32 Welsh boy's name
33 Fuss or bustle, to-do
34 Scope or range of an activity or a study?
35 To scatter seed
36 Denial
38 Spongy ground
41 Mob violence or uprising
42 Editor's excision
44 "As sun" anagram for a girl's name?
48 Originated, discharged, issued forth
52 Church part
53 Take to the air
54 RoadtoRome-"tier"anagram?
55 Charles Lamb's pseudonym?
56 "It is" contraction
57 Properly or fittingly
58 Dare, old style English

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

C	A	R	P	■	E	R	S	E	■	S	E	E
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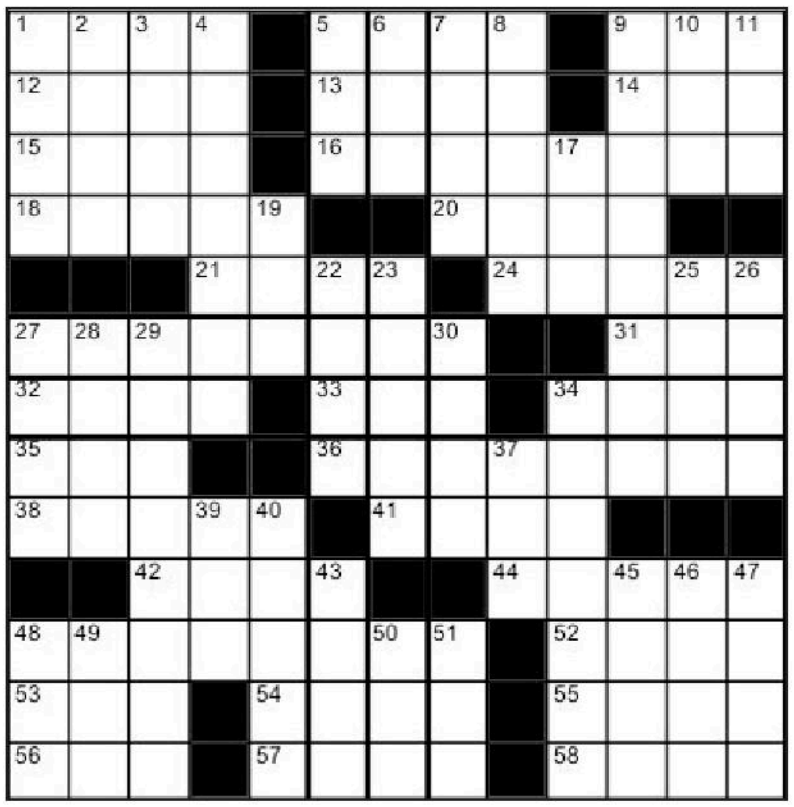
DOWN

1 Onetime UK airline
2 Unbleached linen
3 Surmounting
4 State neighbouring Assam
5 Ground Earth Station
6 All points addressable, abbr.
7 Semesterinaschooloracollege
8 A French wine
9 The nearest star - Alpha ___?
10 The French friend?
11 Tenth std. exams
17 Cry of delight
19 Diameter, in short?
22 Third "K" in the notorious group "K.K.K."?
23 Senior in age
25 Famous cookie
26 Mr. Connery, the first James Bond of Hollywood?
27 Fail to hit
28 Declare
29 In these times?
30 Hindu ascetic
34 Brought into musical accord?
37 AncientOrderoftheShepherds
39 Adult males
40 Tartan
43 You too in Latin (2,2)
45 Hacienda room - "alas" anagram?; 46 Rara ___ : the mythical rare bird?
47 Not untidy
48 Newt
49 1051 in Roman numerals
50 Any one fish of the Anguillidae
51 Lacking moisture



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

AKP BPROPA LJ BXRRPBB MB BMTRPOMAQ. LTRP

QLX RFT JFVP AKFA QLX'DP ELA MA NFGP.

TODAY'S CLUE: B EQUALS S

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: The only thing wrong with immortality is that it tends to go on forever.

NOW SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
Dinga	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
Kaanadante Maayavadanu	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
Love Mocktail	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
	Mahadeshwara	9986022634	4 Shows
India Vs England	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
Sri Bharatha Baahubali	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
Avane Srimannarayana	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
HINDI			
Jawaani Jaaneman	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
Manchali Padosan	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
ENGLISH			
Bad Boys for Life	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
TELUGU			
Aswathama	Lido	2420885	4 Shows
Ala Vaikunthapurramuloo	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
TAMIL			
Dagaalty	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
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Street Dancer (3D-H)	(S-1)	10.20 am, 1.15 pm
Tanhaji: Unsung Warrior (H)	(S-1)	4.15 pm
Bad Boys for Life (E)	(S-1)	7.10 pm
	(S-4)	10.35 am, 10 pm
Aswathama (Te)	(S-1)	9.55 pm
Jawaani Jaaneman (H)	(S-2)	10.45 am, 7.10 pm, 9.50 pm
Naadodigal-2 (Ta)	(S-2)	1.15 pm
Dagaalty (Ta)	(S-2)	4.15 pm
Kaanadante Maayavadanu (K)	(S-3)	10.50 am
Dinga (K)	(S-3)	1.30 pm
Jojo Rabbit (E)	(S-3)	4 pm, 9.55 pm
Avane Srimannarayana (K)	(S-3)	6.30 pm
Love Mocktail (K)	(S-4)	1.10 pm
1917 (E)	(S-4)	4.15 pm
Ala Vaikunthapurramuloo (Te)	(S-4)	6.55 pm

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Jawaani Jaaneman (H)	(S-2)	10.25 am, 4.10 pm
	(S-4)	12.15 pm, 9.55 pm
Street Dancer (3D-H)	(S-1)	6.45 pm
Ala Vaikunthapurramuloo (Te)	(S-2)	9.30 pm
Tanhaji: Unsung Warrior (3D-H)	(S-1)	3.50 pm
Bad Boys for Life (E)	(S-3)	10.15 am, 4 pm, 9.40 pm
Jojo Rabbit (E)	(S-4)	9.50 am, 5.08 pm
Dagaalty (Ta)	(S-1)	1.10 pm
Naadodigal-2 (Ta)	(S-1)	9.50 pm
Namo (K)	(S-3)	1.00 pm
Dinga (K)	(S-4)	7.35 pm
Nigarva (K)	(S-1)	9.55 am
Love Mocktail (K)	(S-2)	1.00 pm
Ramana Savari (K)	(S-4)	2.53 pm
Kaanadante Maayavadanu (K)	(S-2)	6.50 pm
Nagashaurya's Aswathama (Te)	(S-3)	6.45 pm

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Jojo Rabbit (E)	9.30 am, 1.35 pm, 7.30 pm
Bad Boys for Life (E)	10.15 am, 4.45 pm, 10 pm
Tanhaji: Unsung Warrior (H)	10.20 am, 6.45 pm
Jawaani Jaaneman (H)	10.40 am, 4.05 pm, 7.20 pm, 9.40 pm
Wild Karnataka (E)	12.00 noon
Aswathama (Te)	1.15 pm
Ala Vaikunthapurramuloo (Te)	1.20 pm
Street Dancer 3 (H-3D)	4.10 pm, 10.00 pm
Kaanadante Maayavadanu (K)	4.15 pm
Dinga (K)	7.00 pm
Love Mocktail (K)	9.30 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

Flower Show at Raja's Seat from Feb. 7

Kodava lifestyle, traditions to bloom

Madikeri, Jan. 31 (UNI)- The Kodagu District Administration and the Department of Horticulture will conduct a Flower Show at Raja's Seat in Madikeri from Feb. 7 to 10 in order to attract tourists, an official statement said. A special feature of the Flower Show will be the depiction of the lifestyle and traditions of Kodavas through floral replicas of "Kodagu Ainmane" or ancestral home.

According to the statement, this is to promote and create awareness of the lifestyle, culture and traditions of Kodavas to the present generation. Nearly 25 species of flowers and about 10,000 plants will be part of the show with floral decorations depicting the cultural facets of Kodagu.

Horticulture Department officials said the topiaries (practice of training perennial plants by clipping the foliage and twigs of trees, shrubs to develop and maintain clearly defined shapes, whether geometric or fanciful) will be brought for the festival.

In a bid to attract the children, floral statues depicting well-known personalities, will be created and serve as a selfie point for the visitors.

There will be cultural programmes in the evening on all the days of the Flower Show besides floral rangoli competition for women. Stalls will be put up for sale of handicraft items, the statement added.

As part of the Flower Show, thousands of flower pots are being arranged at Raja's Seat. Flower pots and a large variety of flowers including African marigold, Celosia, Lady Lace, Gladiolus, Gerbera, Anthurium, Bird of Paradise, Carnations, Lilium, Tuberose, Orchids, Stasis, Chrysanthemum, and Limonium will attract visitors. Exclusive selfie spots will be created for tourists to click selfies and share on social media. Works are underway at Raja's Seat.

EVENTS TODAY (JAN. 31)

JSS Mysore Urban Haat and JSS Mahavidyapeetha: Gandhi Shilp Bazaar, MP Pratap Simha inaugurates the expo, MLA G.T. Devegowda presides, MLAs S.A. Ramdas and L. Nagendra, Dr. C.G. Betsurmath, Executive Secretary, JSS Mahavidyapeetha, Dr. C. Ranganathaiah, Director (P&D), JSS Mahavidyapeetha, M. Prabhakaran, Regional Director (Southern Region), Office of Development Commissioner, Ministry of Textile, Chennai and K.S. Sunilkumar, Assistant Director, Handicraft Service Centre, Ministry of Textile, Mysuru, chief guests, No. 432, Ring Road, Hebbal Industrial Area, Hebbal, **4 pm.**

Boby Chemmanur International Jewellers: Inauguration of 47th Showroom, 812-km Run Unique Record Holder Dr. Boby Chemmanur and film actor Upendra will be present, No.52, Ground Floor, B.M. Habitat Mall, Gokulam Road, Jayalakshmipuram, **4.30 pm.**

Rangayana: Writer and activist Dr. Vijay releases 'Taranath Meluku,' a documentary on Sarod Maestro Pandit Rajeev Taranath, produced by Rangayana in association with Naguvana Creations; Sarod Concert by noted Sarod Exponent Saugath Roy, Rangayana Director Addanda C. Cariappa presides, Rangayana, **6 pm.**

Kala Sandesha Prathishtana and Swaraashraya Gaana Sabha: Kalabhivardhana-2020, a season of Indian Arts Veneration, Karnatak Classical Music by Vidu. M.K. Tejaswini, Bengaluru, accompanied by Vid. Keshav on violin, Vid. Pavan Madhav on mridanga and Vid. Srinidhi R. Koundinya on ghata, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **6 pm to 8.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (FEB. 1)

JSS Mysore Urban Haat and JSS Mahavidyapeetha: Gandhi Shilp Bazaar, No. 432, Ring Road, Hebbal Industrial Area, Hebbal, **from 10.30 am to 9 pm.**

District Administration and Sri Madivala Machidevara Jayanthyotsava Samiti, Mysuru: Sri Madivala Machidevara Jayanti celebrations, procession from Kote Anjaneya Temple, Palace North Gate to Kalamandira, **9 am;** Stage programme, Vachana Gayana by Vid. Naveen and troupe, Mysuru, **9 am;** Sri Jagadguru Basava Machideva Swamiji graces the occasion, District Minister V. Somanna inaugurates, MLA Nagendra presides, Kalamandira, **11.30 am.**

Sri Nimishamba Dance Promoters: 'Hejje-Gejje,' the annual cultural extravaganza, State-level Dance Competition, Jaganmohan Palace, **9 am to 9 pm.**

Department of Microbiology, MMK&SDM Mahavidyalaya: Valedictory of National Conference on 'Recent Research on Innovations in Life Science,' Dr. Asna Urooj, Professor and Chairperson, PG Department of Food Science and Nutrition, University of Mysore, Manasagangothri, chief guest, Prof. Sainath Malligemadu, Principal, MMK&SDM Mahavidyalaya, presides, College premises, Krishnamurthypuram, **2.30 pm.**

Sri Nataraja Aided Higher Primary School, J.C. Nagar: 29th annual day, Sri Chidananda Swamiji graces the occasion, Rashtriya Basava Dala Gen. Secretary Sarojamma presides, School premises, **4 pm.**

Mysuru Book Clubs-2015: 'An evening with Ruth Padel (Non-fiction author and great-great-granddaughter of Charles Darwin), Hotel Roopa Elite, 6th Main Road, V.V. Mohalla, **5.30 pm to 7 pm.**

Kala Sandesha Prathishtana and Swaraashraya Gaana Sabha: Kalabhivardhana-2020, a season of Indian Arts Veneration, Yakshagana 'Vali Vadhe' by Karavali Yakshagana Kendra, Mysuru, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **6 pm to 8.30 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama: Swami Shantivratanandaji speaks on 'Srimad Bhagavad Gita,' Ashrama premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

Sarvam Theatre, Bengaluru: Staging of Kannada play *'My Wife Mrs. Gandhi,'* writer-director Divya Karanth, Kiru Rangamandira, Kalamndira premises, **7 pm.**

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